ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Phenolic compounds of general formula (I);

and recording materials characterized by containing one of them and exhibiting high light stability wherein R^1 and R^2 are each hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl; m is an integer of 1 to 6; n is an integer of 0 to 2; p and t are each an integer of 0 to 3 with the proviso that not both are simultaneously 0; R^3 and R^4 are each nitro, carboxyl, halogeno, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or the like; q and u are each an integer of 0 to 2 with the proviso that when q or u is 2, R^3 s or R^4 s may be different from each other; and Y is CO or NR^5 CO (wherein R^5 is hydrogen or the like), with the proviso that when Y is CO, p is 1 and that when p is 0 and Y is NR^5 CO, n is not 0.

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